

# Adams

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Dear Sir

The North American Review ought to contain a notice of the life and works of Agassiz. The task is so difficult and delicate a one that it cannot be trusted to any inferior hand, and I prefer not to have it undertaken if it is not to be properly done. Yet it furnishes so fine a field for good work that I am unwilling to leave it unattempted. You are the only critic I know, competent

to deal with it in such a way as  
is required, and therefore I venture  
to make application to you. If  
you decline it, I fear I must leave  
the subject untouched.

Let me add that I should  
be very glad indeed to have any-  
thing else which you may feel  
disposed to give me for publication.

I am

Yr. obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Henry Adams.

Prof. Asa Gray—